

# Committee on the Budget

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## Excuses, Excuses

### *Desperate Democrats Seek to Derail Tax Relief*

Senate Democrats yesterday complained that the reconciliation process, which is proscribed by the 1974 Budget Act, does not allow for consideration of Republican efforts to return surplus tax dollars to hard-working American families. House Budget Committee Chairman Jim Nussle issued the following response to the Democrats' latest excuse to stall tax relief:

"It's amazing. Every time the subject of tax cuts comes up, Democrats devise some new excuse to oppose them. This unending litany now includes the charge that the budget reconciliation process cannot be used to consider the President's tax relief plan.

"Democrats are losing on the issue of tax relief for working families, plain and simple. They cannot win the debate on the merits, so they resort to ridiculous arguments about process.

"Where were Senate Democrats when the reconciliation process was used to **RAISE taxes 10 times since 1974?** Isn't it a little odd to be complaining about reconciliation and tax cuts 27 years AFTER the law was passed?

"Democrats love Big Government and want the surplus to stay in Washington so they can spend it. They will resort to any excuse or tactic to oppose tax relief. But thankfully, Americans will not be fooled by the Democrats unending pattern of excuses."

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